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TRAINING COURSE FOR DENTAL ASSISTANT

By MARJORIE BULLOCK, Macon, Georgia.

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First impressions inevitably influence conclusions with greater force than subsequent events. It is, therefore, extremely necessary that the dental assistant should present an atmosphere of confidence, efficiency and technique to the patient upon his first visit to the office. The achievements of this profession are possible only when they are accomplished with the cooperation and understanding of the patient, and since the foundation of this spirit is laid by the assistant, frequently before the doctor makes his appearance, it is all the more necessary that the assistant shall actually be a trained assistant, and not one who simply bears the name. Ways of stimulating business, collections, different methods for keeping books, proper way of keeping appointment book, daily routine in office, in-between patients' routine, things to do at odd moments, once a week and once a month, and ways of reassuring patients are discussed thoroughly, but are subjects that have to be worked out according to type of practice your doctor is in, his and your individual personality, and method already in effect.

An assistant's training begins with the learning of the names of the teeth and construction of them above and below the gum line. From the structure of the teeth we go to types of restorations that can be made, such as simple fillings, which can be porcelain, silver or gold, root canal work, or removal of the pulp, leaving a pulpless tooth; an apicolectomy, or to cut out the end of the root; porcelain jacket work on the anterior teeth and gold crowns on the posterior teeth, pivots, or pivots on a cast base, extraction and replacements with stationary cement bridges, removable bridges, or movable stationary.

Our next step is to learn the names of instruments and their uses. In order to have a full understanding of instruments,

they are taken up in groups, of which we have five. The first group is the operative group, and classifies the instruments used in the examination set, which are:—mouth mirror, college pliers, explorer, saliva ejector. The cavity cleaning instruments which are the excavator, to remove soft decay or debris, and the chisel to chip away fragile parts of the tooth. The plastic instruments are the burnisher, plugger, amalgam carrier, and the last type of instruments in the operative group is the carver and file to smooth fillings. The second group of instruments is the surgical, or instruments used in the extraction of teeth. The instrument used to grasp a tooth or root firmly enough to enable the operator to remove it, is the forcep. This instrument comes right and left anterior, also upper and lower, but any one forcep can be used. For the removal of any root that may remain, the elevator is used. The curette, which is a spoon shaped instrument, is used to lift out debris, coagulated blood, and any foreign object lying loosely within the socket. The other instruments in this group are the lancet or knife, surgical burs, and syringes. Scalers are the third group of instruments, and are used for the removal of tartar, or calculus, which is the accumulation around the cervical margins and interproximals. On our root canal tray, which is our fourth group of instruments, it is necessary to have an examination set, rubber dam outfit, broaches, reamers, files with long and short handles, absorbent points, gutta percha, root canal pluggers, temporary stopping, flat burnisher, shears, sterile gauze and floss. Our last group of instruments is the polishing and finishing group. In this group we have discs which are used with the engine and come in all sizes, and strips which are used by hand, come extra fine, fine, medium and coarse.

From here we go into X-ray, where the table of angulation and timing is learned, and the objective of X-ray, which is to

make sure the object is directly in the center of the film and the camera is parallel to the object. Dark room technique in X-ray developing is included in the X-ray subject, also the mixing of the developing and fixing solutions. Laboratory technique subjects covers the learning of impression materials, what the different materials are made of and their uses in prosthetic dentistry. Gold inlay casting by the direct and indirect method is taught to each girl individually, and is a great asset in an office where the doctor does the major part of his laboratory work.

Pathology, which is the study of disease, is not gone into very deeply, but one does have a knowledge of the different types of diseases and their construction. Liability to infection is due to living conditions, so the first step in fighting disease is to find the virulence of a germ, whether a mixed infection is present or not, number of bacteria present, and avenue of infection. Inflammation is a change that occurs in injured tissues because of the presence of germs, precaution against these germs is taken by cleanliness, and a method of sterilization. Methods of sterilization are boiling by live steam 212° F. in presence of antiseptic. Autoclaving, which is a self-heating apparatus, 259° F. in vacuum, and is used for antiseptic dressings and delicate instruments. Chemical means for

killing germs are antiseptics which are chemical agents that mildly kill germs, and prevent their growth. Germicides are used for killing of spore and non-spore germs. Flaming with aid of alcohol is used as a subordinate method, by dipping instrument in alcohol and then thru flame. Flaming is a very good method to use on root canal instruments.

The principles of instrument arrangement are, the most frequently used instruments in the most convenient place, emergency aids should be right at hand, instruments for the same operations should be kept together and placed on the bracket table in the order of their uses. Heavy instruments, acids and medicines should not be placed above shoulder level. There are a few don'ts which every girl, whether trained or untrained should know when entering an office as a Dental Assistant. Don't have a dirty office or unsterilized instruments when your first patient arrives in the morning; don't be in a hurry to leave for lunch, or home in the evening as long as the doctor needs you. Don't wear conspicuous clothes, dirty uniforms, too much make up, or too bright nail polish. Never argue with the patient or contradict the doctor in front of a patient or feel embarrassed when speaking on the telephone.

"Wit is a happy and striking way of expressing a thought. It is not often, though it be lively and mantling, that it carries a great body with it. Wit, therefore, is fitter for diversion than business, being more grateful to fancy than judgment. Less judgment than wit is more sail than ballast. Yet it must be confessed that wit gives an edge to sense, and recommends it extremely. Where judgment has wit to express it, there is the best orator."—William Penn.

"No one has success until he has the abounding life. This is made up of the many-fold activity of energy, enthusiasm, and gladness. It is to spring to meet the day with a thrill at being alive. It is to go forth to meet the morning in an ecstasy of joy. It is to realize the oneness of humanity in true spiritual sympathy.

—Lillian Whiting

WHAT A GOOD DENTAL ASSISTANT CAN BE

*Taken from Journal of the Southern California State Dental Association for
April 1938, sent in by MABEL LYON, President, A. D. A. A.*

"The other evening we enjoyed a strange experience, an experience we have had but twice in our world life. A young lady paid for our dinner. The occasion was a meeting of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Association, and they had brought their doctors. They didn't exactly make the hurdle when it came to selecting a menu for masculine appetites, but it was good, anyway, and the company, the gowns, the poise, —the pulchritude—was EXTRA good. As we sat there enjoying a reversal of the usual procedure, taking on a delicious dinner at the expense of our assistant, and gratified to see how the girls took it in stride, at the splendid program they put on, at their intelligence, we fell to thinking of what an acme of perfection a good dental assistant can be. How enormously versatile she becomes if she is observant, industrious and alert.

She is a hostess, an economist, a housekeeper.

She is a fee builder-upper and at the same time a toner-downer of ruffled nerves and tempers.

She is a relentless bloodhound, pursuing bad accounts through the swamps of changed addresses and disconnected telephones.

She is a baby entertainer and an assuager of fear and apprehension.

She is atmosphere. She is a classic example of neatness.

She is a buyer, a manager, an accountant.

She is an outdoor advertiser.

She is often someone to take the rap for the doctor's mistakes, cheerfully and without rancor. She is his buffer, and the connection between him and the world outside.

She is the answer to one of the average male's most necessary (to him) requirements—he likes it in his home and he likes it in his office—someone to pick up after him.

She is (at least the ones we know) not only a crusader against chewing gum, too much rouge and too ready tongues, but for all the things that make for clean, quiet, unostentatious, pleasing and inspiring efficiency.

She is the touch of the feminine hand, without which no office can be complete. She is a reflection of what the dentist wants his office to be like.

She is one of a partnership where teamwork is absolutely essential.

We are for her, willing and anxious to give her every possible break and grateful to her for these association activities; for, in helping herself attain perfection, she is most obviously helping us."

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WHAT A DAUGHTER OWES HER MOTHER

By LOIS MEWBORN, Atlanta, Ga.

Centuries ago, when the human race was in the kindergarten stage of civilization, the Great Jehovah revealed his LAW to Moses on tables of stone. The family has ever been the unit of the nation, and this LAW "Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" was given to guide the attitudes of the child toward the parent. This is the only commandment given with a promise—"that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The truest type of home is found among the Hebrews; is not the reason for this found in the fact that the Mother is honored in the home? Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, 6th chapter, exhorts children to obey their parents, for the great Apostle says, "That is right." Obedience is a duty we owe to our Mothers, and should also bring us pleasure. One of the saddest phases of our present day civilization is the lack of obedience to our best friend we ever had—our Mother. If one could be inspired like the venerable Isaiah of old—could sound forth the clarion call—it would be "Obey, obey thy Mothers."

The most helpless of all creatures is the infant. During the period of helplessness it is the Mother that serves us or provides for our needs. As the frost of advancing years rest upon her brow, we should remember her self-sacrificing deeds and serve her to our utmost for her loving care. Lowell says "Many make the household, but only one the home, and that's Mother." The greatest of all of our privileges is to love Mother. Embodied in this love should be the elements of tender thoughtfulness and loyal devotion. The only recompense that a Mother can have in this life for her sacrificial devotion is an insupplantable place in the affections of her children. Kipling caught a vision of this when he wrote "Mother of Mine." For we all know that a Mother's redeeming love can "climb the highest hill, and go down to the deepest sea." There is none, in all this cold and hollow world; no fount of deep, strong, deathless love, to surpass that of the Sainted English Mother, Suzannah Wesley; whose crowning glory was the glorious achievements of her illustrious children.

In conclusion, let me beg you to heed, oh daughters of the Twentieth Century, the divine command on Mount Sinai, HONOR THY MOTHER. To the entreaty of the great apostle of the New Testament, obey thy Mother. For the sake of her tender ministration for you in your helpless infancy, serve her now; and for her great boundless love for you, cherish her now. Let memory often linger—if you are blest with Mother's presence still; or, if she has joined the Choir Invisible in the eternal City,—upon this picture.

"She always leaned to watch for us
Anxious, if we were late
In winter by the window
In summer, by the gate.
"And though we mocked her tenderly
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more
safe
Because she waited there.

"Her thoughts were all so full of us
She never could forget,
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.
"Waiting 'till we come home to her
Anxious if we are late
Watching from Heaven window
Leaning from Heaven's gate."

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CAN DECAY OF THE TEETH BE PREVENTED

By WALTER T. McFALL, D.D.S.

(Continued from March-April)

Proper mastication is a first aid to digestion and is also necessary for jaw and tooth development in childhood and for maintaining the health and supporting tissues all through life. Eat what you should have rather than what you think you should have. Have regular meals at regular times, with supervised or controlled between meal eating.

2. *Adequate Home Care of the Mouth and Teeth*—thorough and systematic cleaning and stimulation of the mouth and teeth at least each morning and night, oftener if possible. The selection and intelligent use of the correct style or type of toothbrush best adapted to your mouth. Have your dentist teach you the best method to employ in brushing your teeth and massaging your gums. If certain abnormal or unusual conditions are found in your mouth, those conditions will, of course, require special instructions and care. The person with so-called crooked teeth, has a much harder time keeping the mouth and teeth healthy, than does the person with a well-rounded arch and a strong, well supported set of teeth.

3. *Regular and Systematic Visits to Your Dentist*—select your dentist with care, just as you do your physician. A child should be acquainted with his friend, the dentist, by the age of two and one-half years, earlier than this if stains or defects are noticed on the little teeth. The child and the adult should visit the dentist, as often as the dentist deems necessary to do well his part in preventing the teeth from suffering losses he can not control. No defect is too minor to require immediate attention. No cavity in a tooth, of either child or adult, is ever too small to fill. Every baby tooth should be retained and repaired to assure its remaining in a healthful, useful condition until the succeeding permanent tooth replaces it. Remember it requires time to make a real examination in your mouth, there are one

hundred surfaces to be examined above the gums in a child's mouth five years of age; there are one hundred and sixty surfaces to be examined in an adult's mouth. No examination is or can be complete without the aid of the X-ray, for the dentist can no more tell what is lurking beneath your gums than you can. Insist upon and demand the assurance and insurance that only a carefully made X-ray can give you. Most boys and girls have defects in their first permanent molar teeth, and often all of the molar teeth—due to the usual structural defects nearly always found in them—need a close examination, and usually a preventive treatment soon after their appearance in the mouth. Any defect which causes pain, toothache or discomfort, makes the dentist's chance of helping you a great deal more hopeless and helpless; visit your dentist early and regularly, allow him to help you help yourself, to protect your health, to prevent caries or decay of your teeth. You have an important part in this work, so does your dentist. If parents, individuals, and dentists all did their part, decay of the teeth in most instances could be prevented. Will you not give your child his rightful chance, will you not help yourself to better health, longer life, and greater happiness, by preventing decay of your teeth?

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"We are made for cooperation, like feet, like hands, like eyelids, like the rows of the upper and lower teeth. To act against one another then is contrary to nature, and it is acting against one another to be vexed and turn away."

—Marcus Aurelius.

RECEPTION ROOM TECHNIQUE OR WHY DENTAL ASSISTANTS TURN GRAY

By MABEL KNIGHT, Atlanta, Georgia

Read before the Georgia State Dental Assistants Association, May 17th, 1937,
Savannah, Georgia.

Our scene opens in the reception room of a very prominent dentist in a large city. Of course he has a very competent and efficient assistant and one of her many duties is the handling of patients in the reception room. At times this can be a very trying ordeal, and especially is this true this particular morning. It is Saturday morning, one of those beautiful clear sunny Saturdays in November, that happen once in a blue moon and the big football game of the season is scheduled for two-thirty. Now our dentist is a very ardent football fan and not even Greta Garbo herself with a violent tooth ache could prevent him from going to the game, and our very charming assistant while not particularly interested in football, does happen to be very much interested in a certain boy friend with whom she has a date for said game. Every effort has been made by both dentist and assistant to make the morning run along smoothly and to finish up by twelve-thirty at the latest. However Fate has decided differently and I will now try to give you some idea of how even the best regulated office can sometimes take on the resemblance of a mad house.

The time is 8:45 A. M. and the 8:30 patient rings the bell. He is a business man and quite an important one in his own estimation. He is greeted by the assistant in a most pleasant manner, as if he were fifteen minutes early instead of late. The patient states that he is late but it was absolutely unavoidable. He fails to mention that he played poker until two A.M. and overslept as a result. He wants to know how long Dr. Smith is going to keep him, he really hasn't the time to spare, he has an important conference on, will Miss Brown please call his secretary and give her a message. However when he is seated in the chair, time becomes an unimportant factor. Dr. Smith cements the

inlay and is ready to dismiss him but oh no, Mr. Jones now feels inclined to have a heart-to-heart talk about the removable bridge Dr. Smith told him he should have. This matter was discussed for at least forty-five minutes on a previous appointment but Mr. Jones evidently likes to talk about it. He starts all over again with the same questions and a few more that he has managed to think up in the meantime. The time is now 9:30 and Mr. Jones seems to be good for at least fifteen more minutes. In the reception room we now have two treatment cases, a patient who just wants the doctor to look at her tooth and the nine-thirty patient who is a fanatic on the subject of being on time. Treatment case No. 1 has a dry socket and she believes in airing her troubles to the world. Miss Brown listens patiently and sympathetically to what a terrible time she has been having, she hasn't slept a wink in three nights, the pain is absolutely unbearable and would you believe it, she has taken every one of the tablets that Dr. Smith prescribed and they had no effect whatsoever. Miss Brown is very, very sorry and assures her that Dr. Smith will do his utmost to relieve her pain. As soon as Miss Brown leaves the reception room our patient proceeds to relate her troubles all over again to the other three patients. Of course they heard her the first time, but that would never occur to her.

The other treatment case is a timid little soul. She has her troubles too but she listens patiently and sympathetically. However Miss Simpkins, the lady with the nine-thirty appointment doesn't intend to waste her time in any such manner. She rings again and when the assistant appears, states emphatically that she had a nine-thirty appointment, that she always made it a point to keep her appointments on time and she expected other people to do the same. The assist-

ant agrees with her and explains that they are running a little late but they will get to her as soon as possible. This explanation doesn't mean a thing to this lady. She swells up like a toad and sits down again. The doctor finally maneuvers Mr. Jones out of the office. The nine-thirty is ushered in and Dr. Smith endeavors to take care of the two treatment cases while administering to Miss Simpkins. The timid little soul was dispatched in short order but the talkative lady was not so easy. Before he finally got rid of her Miss Simpkins almost walked out on him.

At ten o'clock Mrs. Wallace and her three children arrive. Perhaps I should say Mrs. Wallace and her three "brats." Well anyway, Mrs. Wallace had an appointment for herself at ten, but she thought she might as well bring the children along too. She wanted the doctor to do everything that was necessary for them this morning, because it was so hard for her to bring them downtown and the reason she brought them down this morning was because Mrs. Turner who lives across the street was coming down in her car and offered to bring them. She wanted their school certificates today, because they just had to have them Monday. Of course she has had two months since school opened to get their certificates, but that doesn't mean anything to Mrs. Wallace. The assistant explains that they are running late and it will be impossible to see Mrs. Wallace and the children too. Mrs. Wallace is sure that it will only take a very few minutes. She is finally convinced that it is impossible, so then she has the bright idea that she will give the children her time, and in this she is not to be shaken.

When Dr. Smith finishes with Miss (Punctuality) Simpkins, it is exactly ten-thirty. The three little angels in the reception room have been putting on a young war for the past thirty minutes. The Mother explains that they are such energetic little things. You might think that most of their energy would be spent by now, but not these little darlings. Their supply is inexhaustible. At least five min-

utes is consumed in deciding on who is going to be first. The assistant finally takes the matter into her own hands and firmly but gently escorts little Johnny into the operating room. Of course mother and brother and sister want to go along; mother, because she feels that she should be with her child; brother and sister because of plain curiosity. The assistant explains that it would be much better for them to remain in the reception room. Mrs. Wallace states that little Johnny has never been out of her sight and Dr. Smith simply couldn't do a thing with him unless she was there to hold his hand. Mrs. Wallace is finally overcome but it takes both the assistant and the doctor. The time is now eleven and jolly fat Mr. Stevens comes in. He had an appointment at eleven o'clock. He doesn't mind waiting at all. He settles himself in a chair with a magazine and lets the rest of the world go by. Would that there were more such genial souls in the world. By eleven-thirty the "Light Brigade" has been attended to, and Mrs. Wallace, impressed with the importance of sacrificing her own convenience for the sake of her children's teeth, has agreed to make an appointment to bring them back one at a time instead of en masse.

Life begins to look brighter now. The reception room is cleared and nobody left but good old Mr. Stevens. He is really so nice and considerate that you feel like erecting a memorial to him. Mr. Stevens' appointment was for an hour, but even with all the upsets they are only running thirty minutes late, and the doctor and assistant feel quite proud of themselves for the way in which they have handled the morning, which all goes to prove that you shouldn't do too much bragging or patting yourself on the back until you are quite sure. Well everything ran along smoothly and they finished with Mr. Stevens at 12:30. Dr. Smith was looking forward to a leisurely luncheon and plenty of time to get to the game. Just as he started to take off his operating coat, the bell rang. Miss Brown opened the door and there stood Mrs. Jenkins. One side of Mrs. Jenkins' face was a little more

prominent than the other side, and speaking generally Mrs. Jenkins' face displayed marked traces of pain. Of course suffering humanity cannot be ignored even though there does happen to be a football game. The history of Mrs. Jenkins reveals that she came to Dr. Smith's office about two years ago. An X-ray examination disclosed several abscessed teeth among other things. These teeth were badly broken down and their extraction was recommended. Mrs. Jenkins made an appointment to come back but called up later and said that since her teeth did not give her any trouble, she would just wait awhile. This type of patient is the cause of far more than grey hair. You are lucky if you don't lose your mind. About the most you can actually say is "I told you so," but that is far from adequate, or diplomatic, so you probably don't say anything. In cases of this kind they usually have been suffering for a day or two and they always show up at night, the doctor's afternoon off or Sundays. Mrs. Jenkins knew that the office was closed on Saturday afternoon and she was so sorry that they had to stay overtime, but she simply couldn't stand it another minute. They gave her novocaine and of course it made her deathly sick. She does her best to faint and Miss Brown sees to it that she doesn't, but all this takes time and it was about

one-twenty before the doctor started to extract the tooth. The tooth being devitalized decided to come out a piece at a time, the blood flows profusely as a further hindrance, and they have to stop every once in a while for Mrs. Jenkins to have one of her nervous fits. The operation is finally completed at two-ten, but Mrs. Jenkins is in no condition to leave the office. Well you know as well as I do what happens now. Dr. Smith explains to Mrs. Jenkins that he has an appointment and will have to go, but for her to rest quietly until she feels able to leave and that Miss Brown will take care of her. He grabs his hat and rushes out. He missed his lunch but he will still make the game. Miss Brown resigns herself to her fate. Her boy friend has already called demanding an explanation for standing him up and of course not knowing anything about the dental profession he wouldn't understand. Mrs. Jenkins takes an hour to recover and in the meantime tells Miss Brown what a perfect angel she is and how sweet she has been to her, and Miss Brown assures her that she is only too glad to do what ever she can for her. Such is the life of a dental assistant.

Moral: "Never plan anything for your afternoon off."

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DEAR READERS:--

Some time ago, I asked our readers and members, to remember a member of our Philadelphia Society when they took out magazine subscriptions, or made renewals. I again make an appeal for this member who is making a courageous fight against ill health, and give you her new address, so that you can get in touch with her when opportunity warrants.

Miss L. Pauline Schriver, R.F.D. No. 2,
Thomasville, Pa. York Co.

Pauline will be thankful for your cooperation, and wishes me to thank those who have helped her in the past. SER·VICE is one of our corner stones, let us not forget. LOYALTY also is on our emblem. Thank you.

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD.

TROPHIES OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSN. —LOYALTY TROPHY—

For the 5th Annual Convention of the A.D.A.A., held at Washington, D. C., October 8-10, 1929, one of the distinguished guests and speakers, was Dr. Angelo Chiavaro of Italy. Dr. Chiavaro was so impressed with the splendid work that the dental assistants of America were doing, in having organized their educational groups, and maintaining their ideals of EDUCATION, EFFICIENCY, LOYALTY, SERVICE, through the efforts of their parent association, the A.D.A.A., that he presented a beautiful silver cup in honor of his assistant, who had been associated with him for a number of years; this cup to be awarded each year to the assistant who was a member of the association, and who had been employed for the longest consecutive number of years in the office of one dentist. He stipulated that the Founder of the A.D.A.A. should hold the trophy for the first year, so that her name might head the list engraved thereon, from year to year.

On one side of the cup appears the following:—American Dental Assistants Association, 1929, Angelo Chiavaro, D.D.S., Trophy, in honor of Erminia Rampichini of Rome, Italy, A LOYAL DENTAL ASSISTANT. On the other side the following names are inscribed:—Juliette A. Southard, N. Y. City, N. Y., 1925—Mary M. Connolly, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1930—Clara B. Phillips, Long Branch, N. J., 1931—Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1932—Mrs. Maude E. Barr, Alton, Ill., 1933—Elizabeth A. Marzolf, St. Paul, Minn., 1934—Aloise B. Clement, Omaha, Nebraska, 1935—Mary F. Hawks, Wichita, Kansas, 1936—Eleanor B. Glass, Paterson, N. J., 1937.

Believing that the length of years of service would be interesting to our members, we give them as follows:—Juliette A. Southard, approximately 20 years of service with Dr. Henry Fowler; Mary M. Connolly, 22 years and 3 months with Dr. W. O. Hulick; Clara B. Phillips, 21 years and 7 months with Dr. A. L. Blaisdell; Elizabeth Miller, 27 years and 7 months with Dr. M. W. Ivins; Maude E. Barr, 23 years and 3 months with Dr. A. C. Barr; Elizabeth A. Marzolf, 30 years and 7 months with Dr. M. O. Nelson; Aloise B. Clement, 24 years and 8 months with Dr. F. J. Despecher; Mary F. Hawks, 25 years and 3 months with Dr. S. S. Noble; Eleanor B. Glass, 16 years and 5 months with Dr. K. C. Pruden.

This trophy can only be held for one year, and the member being awarded same must have been a member of the A.D.A.A. for two consecutive years prior to the award. A certificate of employment, duly attested by the dentist in whose office she has been employed, giving date of original employment, and other confirming data, duly countersigned by a notary public, and by the president of the local society of which she is a member, will be required for the awarding of this trophy. All members eligible for competition, and who have been in continuous service in one office for more than 10 years, should file a certificate, as these are kept in a record book by the General Secretary, and will make for interesting history of the steadfastness of dental assistants, a point which has been much discussed by the dental profession and others.

— THE D.A. SUBSCRIPTION TROPHY —

In 1935, for the convention held at New Orleans, "Oral Hygiene" presented the A.D.A.A. with a silver cup to be awarded for some meritorious achievement. The Board of Trustees after careful deliberation, felt that better support should be given our Journal, "The Dental Assistant," and that an increase of subscribers would help towards that end; not only spreading our gospel of service, but making ourselves better known through a greater number of readers, so the Board decided to award the

cup to the society which would each year, secure the greatest number of non-member subscribers at \$1.00 per subscription, between meetings.

The cup has been presented to the following:—Tennessee State D.A. Assn., 1935; Cincinnati D.A. Assn., 1936; Cincinnati D.A. Assn., 1937. The cup is held for one year, but a society winning it for three consecutive years will retain it permanently. Who do you think will win it in 1938? Cincinnati has already won it two years in succession. I will venture that they are working hard to retain it; what do you think?

TALKING IT OVER

This department is under the supervision of Edna M. Justice, 631 Jenkins Arcade, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Two days ago that which is now yesterday was yet to come. It stood just beyond our horizon, soon to offer its treasure of hours in which to dream and achieve. Now yesterday is gone, an instant of cosmic time, of which so little falls to our share. It passed, having prepared us for to-morrow, either to drift aimlessly about or to march with strong step and purposeful stride.

What did our yesterday do for us? Did we build in that day? Did we dream? Did we achieve? If yesterday was thus enriched, the day was profitably invested, otherwise, count the day lost. No matter how busy it was, we would be sure to find the toll of wasted time painfully heavy. Did it endow us with the happy determination to approach our tasks with cheerfulness and confidence, both so necessary, if success is to be attained? We must enjoy our work and be prepared to overcome any obstacle which may present itself. Difficulties are or should be stepping stones to bigger and better achievements. To regard one's work as simply another day, which we are glad to see come to a close and to which we have given only our due quota of labor, shows a sad lack of responsibility. A well filled day, some knotty problem overcome, and joy in our work, will bring greater satisfaction than some surface pleasure masquerading under the same name. Accomplishment of given routines will bring mental happiness and pleasure, providing of course, that one can disabuse the mind of that old-fashioned notion of work "being the necessary evil." One cannot hope to win every game or reach the top of the ladder at the first try, but with the attempt made, satisfaction is gained from honest effort, cheerfully applied. All these are thoughts of yesterday taking us through to-day into a to-morrow of activities.

We are told to pay no heed to yesterdays; but the dental assistant of to-day owes much to a far off yesterday, when the nucleus of our great National Association was perfected, and it has grown and prospered with the support and cooperation of enthusiasts who found no gain for themselves, but who saw in the future, an opportunity for greater advantages for those who would follow. We must, by our faith and energy, tread in the footsteps of these pioneers with the same steadfast visions and strength of purpose for the continuity, development and further growth of this great heritage. How much more satisfaction is to be had in leading to greater heights an established association with its many educational plans, than in hewing a path for some entirely new venture. Decide to-day, to give more thought to this great organization of yours, for it is yours, and to spread its gospel to others of our calling. Resolve that the idea planted by our predecessors will be nourished by our help and actions of to-day, for to-morrow this will be yesterday, and yesterdays cannot be replaced.

ROBINA A. MCMURDO, Second District Trustee.



QUESTION BOX

HELPFUL HINTS

By ETHEL WHITENTON, 906 Exchange Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.

(Submitted by members of Tri-County D.A. Assn., Calif.)



1. Add 5 drops of Muriatic Acid to 1 oz. of rubbing alcohol. Saturate a piece of cotton and use to clean Mercurochrome stains from the skin, trays or cabinets.
2. As an aid in keeping the instrument sterilizer bright and clean, 3 tsp. of Muriatic Acid added to the water in the sterilizer and allowed to boil for a few moments. Empty the sterilizer and wipe dry with soft cloth. Do this about once a week.

(MRS. NELLIE M. BALLARD, with DR. HOUSEHOLDER, Riverside)

1. Vaseline on Morris Scalers to keep points from sticking in handles.
2. Glendale Cake cups for waste and swabs on bracket table.
3. Paper napkins for headrest covers.
4. Pipe cleaners to clean handpieces. Dishes used as holders for bedposts are useful in the laboratory and as dappen dishes for Prophylaxis paste.

(MRS. LOIS SORENSON, with DR. WHITE, San Bernardino)

1. Chloroform (cleaning) or alcohol (grain) will remove Wondrpak paste from glass mixing slab.
2. Bicarbonate of Soda sprinkled on the wet slab will remove cement easily.
3. To remove Silver Nitrate stains, apply Iodine, then Alcohol (which removes Iodine). This must be done as soon as Silver Nitrate touches the skin.
4. Wondrpak can be mixed on an ink paper pad. When Doctor has used the mix, peel off top sheet and discard. Saves cleaning a slab.

(MRS. HAZEL SCRITSMIER, with DR. QUIST, Pomona)

Put a few drops of pure Olive Oil into the sterilizer while water is boiling. This keeps the instruments from rusting the sterilizer.

1. Use Kleenex to remove wax from instruments on the bracket table before taking them to the sterilizer.
2. Small pieces of rubber dam can be used instead of ligatures, very successfully.
3. To remove compound from trays; smear tray with vaseline, heat over flame, wipe off compound with paper towel or clean discarded rags.
4. Lubricate corners of patient's mouth with Mentholatum or vaseline to prevent cracking of lips during surgery or any posterior drilling, also when rubber dam is used.
5. A good shaving cream may be used to lubricate holes in rubber dam instead of vaseline.

1. When placing negatives for third molar X-rays (radiograms) ask your patient to extend his lower jaw as far forward as possible. Ask him to "bite out in front of his upper teeth." This technique is not necessary if patient can take negative far enough back in the normal manner.
2. During the Doctor's vacation or when you have a little extra time, send for samples of toothpowder, toothpaste, Dentyne chewing gum, bubble gum, etc. Then after children have had dental work completed give them several samples before they leave. Everyone enjoys trying new kinds of dentifrices. Your Doctor's patients will enjoy them, and it will increase friendliness

toward your office. But, if you start this practice, continue it, as the children will expect samples whenever they have their teeth cleaned.

1. Print the full name of a new patient on the history card in large letters in *ink*. You can more readily see it in the file. Enter patient's address and other information in *pencil*. This makes it possible to neatly erase the old address, when the patient moves to a new location and enter the new one. It is surprising how many addresses accumulate on one card over a period of years, unless some such plan as this is followed.
2. Many trays and articulators are mislaid by dental laboratories. Cut your Doctor's name or initials on every tray, etc. A No. 7 or 8 round bur attached to the handpiece can be guided after a little practice.

3. Small sticker labels can be neatly printed, attached to bottles, then painted with transparent shellac. This allows cleaning of bottles at any time without injury to the label.
4. A china pencil used in marking prices in stores is very useful in a dental office. Print names of contents in boxes, in large letters on outside of box with the china pencil. Then when you open the cupboard door, you can easily read the contents on the highest shelves. This saves time.

(EVELYN WARD, with DR.
JACOBSON, Claremont)

Girls in the 6th, 3rd, 7th and 8th districts, respectively, are asked to send information to their trustees for the next four issues of this column. The above is splendid and will be helpful. Thank you, California.

E. WHITENTON.

N. DAKOTA STATE D. A. ASSN.

PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1938

- 9:00 A.M. Registration.
 9:30 A.M. 1. Greeting—Dr. L. B. McLlain, Lisbon;
 2. Office Personality—Dr. T. L. Stangebye, Mott;
 3. Educational Health Exhibit—Ellen Welsh, Grand Forks;
 4. Analgesia—Prepared by Edith Morrow, Fargo;
 Read by Prudence Gillette, Fargo;
 5. Office Etiquette—Prepared by LaVerne Joersz, Bismarck;
 6. President's Address—Evalyn Grace Hermann, Bismarck.
 2:00 P.M. Lecture—Dr. James Prime, Omaha, Nebraska.
 6:30 P.M. Assistants' Dinner.

TUESDAY, MAY 17TH

- 11:00 AM. Lecture—Dr. Vern D. Irwin, Director of Dental Health Education, Minnesota State Department of Health.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH

- 10:00 A.M. Clinics:—
 1. Making Packings, Sponges, and Swabs—Irene Mitchell, Minot;
 2. Pouring and Trimming Models—Betty Lynch, Fargo;
 3. Amalgam Dies for Full and Three-Quarter Crowns—Mary Cota, Bismarck;
 4. Saving Cents by Using Sense—Ellen Welsh, Grand Forks;
 5. To be Selected—Ken C. Styers, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Representative of the L. D. Caulk Co.
 1:30 P.M. Business meeting and annual election of officers.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

OUR PROBLEM OF EDUCATION

This is a grand profession of ours. We are warmed with a feeling of intense pride when we realize the privilege that is ours in being a part of one of the great phases of the healing arts. True, our role may be relatively insignificant, yet there is that inward joy that we are assisting the dental profession serve mankind, when we help to alleviate pain and suffering. We know we are contributing our bit to the patients' happiness and comfort. Our greatest problem is how can we best fit ourselves to the tasks and responsibilities that have been entrusted to us. Much has been written about proper conduct and deportment, and patient-doctor relationships, but too little, despite all that may have been written, has actually been said about the necessity for educating and training dental assistants.

By training dental assistants, we mean education above the menial tasks of the office such as a glorified white-frocked janitress, bookkeeper, or receptionist. There is a definite place in every dental practice for the assistant who has been educated in all phases of operative and surgical procedures. Thoroughly schooled and given a basic ground-work of clinical and technical fundamentals, the dental assistant becomes a responsible, functioning, vital participant in office routine and activity. Her knowledge, wisdom, judgment, and her skilled, trained hands then warrant consideration. Proven worthy in ability to *really* assist and assume responsibility, the young woman is more than an assistant, she is an actual associate whose heart, head, and hands, are the great coordinating and auxiliary forces of a successful dental office.

To expect a young girl, who has just graduated from high school, to enter a dental office, don a white uniform and, through the apprenticeship of trial and error, develop into a competent, intelligent dental nurse, is placing too great a burden on the dentist, as well as expecting too much of the young woman. In fairness to both, and to the

most important individual of all, the patient, young women possessed with the desire of making dental assisting a professional career, should and must be given adequate training for their chosen work, in schools of higher education. The wisest, most logical place for the beginning of such a course, would be to introduce into the curricula of either liberal arts schools or junior colleges, subjects outlined to give dental assistants the fundamentals of nursing in its dental application. Embody in the course such subjects as bacteriology, personal hygiene, materia medica, operative and surgical procedure, laboratory technic, office management, economics, psychology, and any others that would increase the assistant's scope of knowledge and usefulness.

More education for dental assistants should become the watchword. The dental profession should be urged to interest itself in the problem of securing more and greater educational opportunities for dental assistants. The truly efficient, intelligent assistant becomes an invaluable asset and adjunct to every office. Her true worth cannot be determined or measured in the dollars and cents of her salary. Rather, she must be valued in terms of the greater service that she renders in the treatment and well-being of her doctor's patients.

GERTRUDE BURT, *Contr. Editor.*

—ADDENDA—

We, of the American Dental Assistants Assn., are on record as desiring courses for the training of dental assistants (dental nurses) to be established in the dental schools and colleges, where this training can be at all times under the supervision of the dental profession, thus assuring a high standard.

J. A. S.

MOTHERS DAY

In this issue we pay a tribute of love and gratitude to the mothers of our members, since during May we celebrate that day of days, "Mothers' Day." For the beloved mothers that have gone before, we hold treasured memories deep in our hearts; for those who are with us still, we want them to know that the best of what we are, we owe to their love and tender care. In another part of our Journal, we are happy to print the tribute "What a Daughter Owes Her Mother," by Lois Mewborn, of Atlanta, Ga., in honor of "Mother's Day."

J. A. S.

— ADDENDA —

In our last issue we spoke of the trophy on "Co-operation," and omitted to mention that there is a second trophy for this award, a cup presented by "Oral Hygiene" in 1936, which was won that year by the Cincinnati D.A. Assn., and in 1937 was awarded to the San Francisco District D.A. Assn. There is also an Honorable Mention Blue Ribbon, awarded in 1936 to the Georgia State D. A. Assn., and in 1937 to the Tennessee State D.A. Assn.; so for "Co-operation" we have a 1st, and 2nd, Trophy Cup, and a 3rd Place Blue Ribbon. All worthy of being striven for.

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD.

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	Columbus Dental Assistants Assn.
Miami District Dental Nurses Assn.	Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Assn.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES: Beginning May 31st the Subscription Manager will cut off all magazines unless the current dues have been paid. Please take notice and do not allow any of your members to be without their magazine for even one issue; if during the year, you have members resign, send their names to Mrs. Burr at once. Work on your Program Questionnaire and just as soon as your state meeting or annual meeting has been held, forward this information to this office. Since the last issue of the magazine we have had the following societies, associate and independent members affiliate:—

ST. PETERSBURG DENTAL NURSES ASSN. (Florida)

President, Violet Wakefield, Hall Bldg.; Vice-President, Gladys Dussouer; Secretary-Treasurer, Yvonne Driskell, Power & Light Bldg.; Board of Directors, Ruth Owenby, Katherine Brubaker, and Evelyn White.

SYRACUSE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSN. (Component of New York State)

President, Ruth Williams, 2659 James St.; Vice-President, Doris Bauer; Treasurer, Eve Sposato; Secretary, Mrs. Flora Brundage, 517 O.C.S. Bank Bldg.; Corresponding Secretary, Leonora Lozott, 2108 Court St.

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The following societies have held their annual election of officers:—

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT D. A. ASSN., CALIFORNIA.

President, Eleanor Miller, 1515 State St.; Vice-President, Billy Gilchrist, Secretary, Leah Wheldon, 1515 State St.; Treasurer, Ruth Abbott.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT D. A. ASSN., CALIFORNIA

President, Grace Nichols, Medico-Dental Bldg., Palo Alto; Vice-President, Edith Smith; Secretary, Doris Pinkham, P. O. Box 108, Redwood City; Treasurer, Pauline Allen; Historian, Gladys Gattuccio; Editor, Elsie Thowson.

GEORGIA STATE D. A. ASSN.:

President, Amelia Robinson, 910 Medical Arts Bldg., Atlanta.

FIFTH DISTRICT SOCIETY OF D. N. AND A. (Ga.)

First Vice-President, Frances Rogers—(correction from last issue.)

NEW ORLEANS D. A. ASSN., (La.)

Secretary, Consuelo Hoey, 1229 Maison Blanche Bldg.

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President, Marguerite Monroe, 829 Medical Arts Bldg., Minneapolis; Vice-President, Mary June Haines; Secretary, Virginia Zeuthen, 1546 Medical Arts Bldg., Minneapolis; Treasurer, Emma Beil.

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President, Stella Peterson, 1549 Medical Arts Bldg.; Vice-President, Ellen Hanson; Secretary, Ann Harrington, 1527 E. Lake St.; Treasurer, Mary Harrington.

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CINCINNATI D. A. ASSN. (Ohio)

President, Helen E. Hendricks, 4600 Montgomery Rd., Norwood; Vice-President, Martha Cox; Recording Secretary, Hilda Ehrhart; Corresponding Secretary, Bertha Feldkamp, 653 Doctors Bldg., Cincinnati; Treasurer, Marie Widmeyer.

"THIS AND THAT"

MARGARET M. CUMMICK, Peoples Trust Bldg., Jasonville, Ind.

(Please have your material reach me by June 10th. THANKS.)

THE DENTAL ASSISTANTS STUDY CLUB, 2nd Dist., N. Y., are holding their Third Annual Dinner-Dance May 21st, and have planned a pleasant evening for all, with a delicious dinner, good orchestra and several prizes to be awarded throughout the evening. . . .

The E. & E. SOC., 1st. District, N. Y., entertained their Founder and active life member, Juliette A. Southard, with a dinner, prior to their Annual Meeting, May 10th. Mrs. Southard planned her vacation during May, so that she could be present at this meeting.

BERGEN COUNTY, N. J., dentists and dental assistants held a combined meeting at Bergen Pines Hospital with Mr. Friend as guest speaker. His subject was "Office Management." Margaret Dannhauser has arranged for the members to attend a Fred Allen radio broadcast at Radio City. . . . THE MONMOUTH COUNTY D.A.A. entertained with "Bosses' Night" at the Garfield Grant Hotel, Long Branch. Dr. Bernard Wienberger was guest speaker of the evening. A monthly Journal is now being published by their Dental Society, and the assistants are pleased to comply with the request that they contribute a column regarding their activities. . . . THE ATLANTIC COUNTY D.A.A., N. J., enjoyed a most instructive talk on "Cares of a Dental Assistant" by Dr. Frederick W. Allen, former Professor at the Univ. of Penna. At a later meeting Dr. William Davies addressed the group on "Dental Products as Approved by the Bureau of Standards at Washington," also demonstrated "Synthetic Porcelain Restorations." The Annual Card Party is in charge of Regina Retzbach and Committee. A representative group attended the installation meeting of the SOUTHERN D.A.'s at Camden, N. J. The next meeting will bring Dr. A. B. W. Suter, author of "The Dentist's Diplomat," to address the

group. . . . THE NEW JERSEY STATE D.A.A. held its annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, April 20-21. Five clinics were given by the following societies: Atlantic, Hudson, Monmouth, Passaic, and Southern Counties. A ten-minute paper was presented by each society. Prizes were awarded, including a new trophy presented by Joe Ratner. A luncheon was the main social event.

THE CINCINNATI D.A.A. of Ohio held a Clinic Meeting which was a marked success; ninety-three assistants registered. (75 local members and 18 guests from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky). Ten clinics were given, Mary M. Connolly winning first award with "Suggestions for Office Linens and Patient Comforts." The judges were Dr. R. P. Thomas, President of the Ky. State D.A., Dr. H. J. Longcamp, President of the Ind. State D.A. and Dr. Robert Deebach, of Dayton, substituting for the Ohio State President, Dr. Walter J. Pryor. The winning clinician was the recipient of the Dr. G. Layton Grier Trophy, to be held until the next annual clinic meeting, a check for \$5.00 presented by the Clinic Committee of the Cincinnati Dental Society, and a \$15.00 check presented by Dr. Pryor. Mary turned this check over to the "clinicians' fund," and retired in favor of the second highest contestant, Esther Leddy, who will present the winning clinic and represent the C. D.A.A. in St. Louis. The Bank Contest closes June 1st, with the member returning her Convention Fund in the most unique bank receiving a prize. . . . THE CLEVELAND D.A.A. is holding Open House for the assistants and their employers at the next regular meeting. Mrs. Katherine Herbert will be guest speaker. The Clinic Chairman, Jean Hanke, will present the "Dr. Grubb" Trophy Cup to the winning clinician. Plans are made for the Annual Dinner-Dance at the Hotel Statler and Anne Evans, with her able committee, promises a complete evening of dining, dancing and a popular floor show. . . . THE COLUMBUS D.A.A. will hold its Fourth Birthday Party at the Broad Lincoln Hotel. A playlet by three members of the society and a Style Show by the Roberts Cloak House will be the outstanding features of the entertainment. The Columbus D.A. Bowling Team competed in the City Tournament, and although they won their three games from their opponents, their total score was not high enough for any of the prizes offered. The Tooth-carving course has been completed, and as a token of appreciation to Dr. Strosnider, the instructor, the girls presented him with a fountain pen. . . . THE INDIANA STATE D.A.A. is all set for their 18th Annual Meeting, held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, May 16-18. The program includes:—"Stabilizing the Future," Mary M. Connolly, Tenth Dist. Trustee; "Office Management," Dr. Louis R. Hill, Los Angeles, Calif.; "Allergy," Dr. C. B. Bohner, Indianapolis; "Qualifications of the Ideal Assistant," Dr. H. T. Berkey, Fort Wayne, Ind.; "First Aid," Ivan S. Glicewell, Red Cross; "Plastic Surgery," Dr. H. M. Trusler, Indianapolis; a lecture by Dr. E. R. Smith, a Neuro-Psychiatrist and a playlet, "Telephone Technique" by the Indianapolis D.A. Society. A group of competitive papers by members will be given and the clinics will be held in the Assembly Room with those of the dentists. Alberta Littell is Executive Committee woman with Marie Hollingsworth in charge of clinics. A substantial increase in membership has been made through the energetic efforts of Mary Davies of Anderson. . . . THE DETROIT D.A.A. report interesting and instructive meetings, including a tour of the Eloise Mental Hospital and a pleasant afternoon when they entertained the Windsor, Canada D.A.'s with a Tea. Several of the girls had a Sleigh-Ride Party. Plans are under way now for the Mother-Daughter Banquet, which will be held at the Detroit Federated Club House. After this comes the annual outing which is always popular. . . .

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA D.A. SOCIETY held their first clinics March 9th, at the Five State Post-Graduate Clinics. Guest clinicians from Tennessee and Pennsylvania added to the success of the meeting. First prize, a large silver cup, donated by Mr. Joe Ratner, was won by Kathleen Coberly, D. C. member, Clinic "X-Rays"; second prize, silver vase, by Mildred Thompson, Knoxville, Tenn., for

her clinic, "Orthodontic Assistance"; third prize, silver vase, by Cary Mercereau, D. C. member, for her clinic, "Sterile Dressings for Oral Surgery"; Honorable Mention Blue Ribbon, by Harriett Buckenhorst, Philadelphia, Penn. These prizes are to be awarded each year and if won for three successive years, become the property of the winner. This is just the beginning, we hope that the coming years will see many more visiting clinicians. Anne Howe, as Chairman, did wonderful work. Watch them grow!

THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT D.A. SOCIETY of Iowa enjoyed a demonstration on "Analgesia" by Dr. N. J. Hvistendahl and his assistant, at a recent meeting. Arrangements have been made for a dinner and tour through the Northwest Bell Telephone Company for an early date. "Clinic Night" is to be held, members will present the clinics to be taken to the State Meeting, being held at Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport in May. A very interesting and educational program has been arranged with good speakers, individual clinics, informal banquet, conference breakfast and a boat trip up the Mississippi River. . . . **THE MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT D. H. & A. Assn.** report that a "blessed event" has come to two of their former members, Dorothy Lundberg Brader and Marguerite Williams Crouse. . . .

THE KNOXVILLE, Tenn. D.A.A. received nice cooperation when Dr. Earl O. Henry, Secretary of the Second Dist. Dental Society included in his notices of their meeting, a paragraph calling the attention of the dentists to the interesting program of the assistants, urging them to attend the clinics and lend their support. The following clinics were given:—"Correct and Incorrect Correspondence"; "Daily Care of the Handpiece"; "Recall Patients"; "The Toothbrush Drill"; "The Child Patient"; "X-rays"; "Practical Suggestions"; "Collections"; "Greeting the Patient." These clinics were preceded by a Buffet Supper, the assistants being the guests of Lucile Hodge at the Andrew Johnson Hotel. . . . **THE CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. D.A.'s** report six new members for their Society. They had a Skating Party recently that proved such a huge success in fun and finance that another is being arranged. . . .

THE SACRAMENTO DIST. D.A.'s, CALIF., express their thanks to all who have assisted them in getting their organization "started off on the right foot." Their gratitude goes to the Alameda group responsible for their affiliation with the A.D.A.A. and to Joyce Haas, Doris Harvey and Barbara Bonnemorte, installing officers. Their past-president, Louise Miller, is now Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, and the 1938 President, Gwen Sidener, has recently changed her name. Goodness! can this be a precedent being established? . . . **THE STOCKTON ASSISTANTS** celebrated their first year of affiliation with the A.D.A.A., by being hostess to the 1938 California State Convention, and doing a very commendable job of it. Margaret Lee of Sacramento won the Clinic Trophy, awarded her by the judges, Dr. Hugh X. Ford, Pres. Sacramento Dental Society, Dr. H. J. Graham, and Dr. D. L. Durst. . . . **THE SAN FRANCISCO DIST. D.A.A.** was honored by the presence of several of their doctors at a recent meeting, Dr. H. B. Hambly, Chairman of the Pub. Rel. Committee and Dr. Harry True were guest speakers. Dr. G. L. Delagnes, assisted by Mr. Louis Valente, presented films entitled "The Road to Health and Happiness" and "Betty's Crooked Teeth." Grace Stapleford and her Entertainment Committee arranged a most delightful tea, with the mothers of the members as guests. The Educational Committee, Beatrice Partridge, Chairman, has planned a ten-lecture course in "First Aid." All eyes are turned now to the annual dance which has established a record as being a gala event. . . . **THE LOS ANGELES D.A.A.** Board members were guests at a delightful tea given by Mabel Lyon at her home. The Glee Club from this society featured in two numbers, "Cradle Song"—Brahms, and "Waltz of the Flowers"—Tschaiowsky, at the Westminster Annual May Festival of Music. The director was Mrs. Beaula Chandler. Study classes to be held soon will include: "Care of Dental Equipment," by R. W. Jackson; "Chair Position," Mr. Mortimer; and "Selection

of Dental Gold," Stan Ruggles. . . . THE ALAMEDA COUNTY D.A.A. were well represented at the State Convention and the following clinics were given: "Rolling Gold Foil," Florence Knauber; "Flower Arrangement," Joyce Haas and Lee Bonfantine; "Removal of Stains," Vera Doan; "Materia Medica," Lois Martin and Fay McIntyre; "Helpful Hints," Mary Jean Porter; "Mixing Silicates & Cements," Alys Wright. Honorable mention was given Florence Knauber, Joyce Haas and Lee Bonfantine at the State Meeting, with Florence Knauber rated first at "Clinic Night" in their local society. . . . THE SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT D.A.A. is to be congratulated for their splendid work and cooperation in making their part of the State Convention a success. . . . The Miami District Dental Nurses Assn., Fla., held a Duplex "Movie Party" on April 25th and 26th, for the Delegates' Fund, and are already making plans for the State Dental Meeting to be held in Jacksonville, next November, with the co-operation of the new society in St. Petersburg, and the members of the Jacksonville D.A. Assn., that they hope will be affiliated with the A.D.A.A. by that time. A Florida State D.A. Assn. is the goal in view. Juliette A. Southard, Associate Member, will extend her trip North in May, to include the meeting of the Ontario Dental Assistants Assn., to be held in Toronto, May 16-18, presided over by Marion Edwards, Associate Member of the A.D.A.A., and while we are speaking of the Ontario D.A. Assn. Meeting, the A.D.A.A. will be officially represented thereat, by our 2nd Vice President, Sarah Gallien of E. Orange, N. J.; several members of the Detroit Society are also to be there. A most cordial welcome will be accorded the dental assistants of the United States who may attend this meeting.

NOTICE

We have a request from the American Dental Association, through the Chairman of Publicity, Dr. A. P. O'Hare, for our co-operation in publicizing this outstanding meeting, to be held at St. Louis, October 24th to 28th, 1938. PLEASE keep these dates before your employer, and urge him to make his hotel reservations as promptly as possible, consulting the schedule of hotels and rates which will be found in the Journal of the A.D.A., indicating a second and third choice of hotels, in case the first one cannot fill the reservations. The A.D.A. Housing Committee, Room 108, Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Mo., will be glad to co-operate in any way possible. The A.D.A.A. headquarters had not been decided upon at the time of going to press, but will be announced in our next issue, and our members will be expected to make their reservations at the hotel which is assigned to us by the A.D. Assn.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

ELIZABETH HAHN FLEISCHER, 975 Beaconsfield Ave., Grosse Point Park, Michigan
All July-August Data "MUST" reach me by June 10th. Thanks.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles D.A. Assn.

Meeting, May 13, 1938.
Business, Nomination of Officers.
Program, Mother's Night.
"Romantic Comedy," by members.
Guest Singer, Mrs. Beulah Chandler
Meeting, June 10, 1938.
Place, Calwell's Restaurant, 6:30 P.M.
Business Meeting, Election of Officers.

Guest Speaker, Loretta Hamelin.
Subject, "Woman's Place in Aviation."
Selections by the Glee Club.
Clinics, "Mouth Washes," "Amalgam."
Gladys Shwartz, 1930 Wilshire Blvd.

Long Beach D.A.A.

Meeting, May 9, 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Business, Nomination of Officers.
Program, Speaker to be announced.
Place, New Masonic Temple, Locust Ave.

Meeting, June 13, 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Business, Election of Officers.
Place, New Masonic Temple, Locust Blvd.
Maretta M. Mear, Publ. Chm.,
316 Redondo Ave.

Sacramento Dist. D.A.A.

Meeting, May 10, 1938, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Elks Club.
Business Meeting.
Speaker, Mrs. V. V. Smith, Dist. Director of Calif. Garden Club.
Subject, "Flowers and Their Arrangement."
Meeting, June 14, 1938, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Elks Club.
Business Meeting.
Speaker and Subject to be announced.
Adeline Warner, Chm. of Publ.,
909—5th St.

San Francisco D.A.A.

Meeting, May 10, 1938.
Clinics, 6:30 P.M.
Dinner, 7:00 P.M.
Place, Foster & O'Rear.
Program, speaker to be announced.
Meeting, June 14, 1938.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Foster & O'Rear.
Program, Tenth Anniversary Celebration.
Doctors Night and Past Pres. to be Honored.
Wilma Brown, 1095 Market St.,
No. 204.

Alameda Co. D.A. Assn.

Meeting, May 2nd, 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Coit Hotel.
Program, "The Situation in the Far East."
Clinic, to be announced.
Lee Bonfantine, Publ. Chm.,
572 Main St., Hayward.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia D.A.A.

Meeting, May 19, 1938.
Place, Office of Dr. William I. Ogus,
1836 Eye St. N.W.
Clinic, by Miss Kathleen Coberly.
Subject, "Practical Hints on X-Ray Technique."

Meeting, June 16, 1938.
Place, Frontier Room, Lafayette Hotel.
Program, Social Evening.
Social Committee, Mrs. Eva Carrico,
Mrs. Julia Schuett, Mrs. Eva Adams.
Stella B. Bryant, Chm., Publ. Com.

FLORIDA

Miami Dist. D.N. Assn.

Meeting, 6:45 P.M., May 2nd, 1938.
Dinner, Place to be announced.
Program, "Travels in Europe & The Holy Land," Motion Picture by Dr. Marvin Smith, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, 1901 S.W. 9th St.
Meeting, 8 P.M., June 6th, 1938.
Place, to be announced.
Speaker, Mrs. Walter Beckham.
Topic, Selected.
Virginia Schenck, Chm. Program,
401 Huntington Bldg.

ILLINOIS

Chicago D.A.A.

Meeting, May 19, 1938, 8:00 P.M.
Place, Stevens Hotel.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Business, Election of Officers and Installation
Emma Luke, Publ. Chm.,
2605 Prairie Ave., Evanston.

INDIANA

Indiana State D.A.A.

Annual Meeting, May 16-18, 1938.
Place, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis.
Educational Program planned by Executive Committeewoman, Mrs. Alberta Littell.
All Members and Assistants are cordially invited to attend.
Maxine Quinn, Publ. Chm., 701
Hume Mansur Bldg., Indianapolis.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts D.A.A. Metropolitan Dist.

Meeting, May 11, 1938.
Place, Forsyth Dental Infirmary.
Program, "Cruising the Seven Seas," with Dollar Steamship Line Representative.
Moving Picture and Lecture.
No Meeting in June.
Gertrude Lynd, Chm. Publ.,
708 Little Bldg., Boston.

MICHIGAN**Detroit D.A.A.**

Meeting, May 3, 1938.

Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet.

Place, Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs.

Toastmistress, Thelma Briney.

Meeting, May 17, 1938, 7:15 P.M.

Place, Adam's Room, Hotel Tuller.

Speaker, Dr. Cyril K. Valade.

Subject, "Care of the Scalp."

Current Event, Ivy Dobbie.

Meeting, June 7, 1938, 7:15 P.M.

Place, Adam's Room, Hotel Tuller.

Business Meeting.

Program, Book Reviews.

Meeting, June 21, 1938, 7:15 P.M.

Annual Outing.

Elizabeth Hahn Fleischer, Chm. Publ.

MINNESOTA**Minneapolis Dist. D. H. & A. Assn.**

Meeting, May 3, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Dental Library, Medical Arts Bldg.

Program, Joan Geyer, Winning Clinician 1938 State Convention.

Meeting, June will be a Social Gathering.

Stella Peterson, 1549 Medical Arts Bldg.

St. Paul Dist. D. H. & A. Assn.

Time, May 6, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Dental Library, Lowry Medical Arts Bldg.

Dinner preceeding meeting at St. Paul Hotel.

Guests of Honor, Miss M. Monroe, State Pres., and Miss Winifred Jensen, Dist. Pres.

Dr. Jos. O. Baker, Pres. of St. Paul Dist. Dental Soc., will greet new members

June Meeting will be in from of swimming party and picnic supper.

Irene Staring Elmgren, Chm. Publ., 485 Rice St.

NEBRASKA**Lincoln D.A.A.**

Meeting, May 2, 1938.

Place, Dinner 6:00 P.M. at Y.W.C.A.

Program, plans for State Meeting.

State Meeting on May 17, 18, 1938.

Place, Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln.

Omaha D.A.A.

Meeting, May 10, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Paxton Hotel.

Speaker, Miss Mary Haney.

Subject, "Clinics."

Meeting, May 24, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Paxton Hotel.

Program, Election of Officers.

June, Social Gathering.

Norma Edger, Publ. Chm.,

939 Medical Arts.

NORTH DAKOTA**North Dakota State D.A.A.**

Eleventh Annual Meeting, May 16, 17, and 18th.

Place, Masonic Temple, Minot, N. Dak. All members, visiting assistants and dentists are invited.

Mary Cota, Program Chm.,

405 Broadway, Bismark, N. Dak.

NEW JERSEY**Southern D.A.A. of N. J.**

Meeting, May 18, 1938, 8:00 P.M.

Place, Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J.

Speakers, Dr. Milton Paperth of Manasquan; Dr. Charles Vassini of Belmar.

Illustrated Clinic and Motion Pictures.

Meeting, June 15, 1938, 8:00 P.M.

Place, Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J.

Speaker, to be announced.

Dorothy Steele, Publ. Chm.

Atlantic County D.A.A.

Meeting, May 4, 1938.

Place, Blue Room, Chalfonte Hotel.

Speaker, Dr. A. B. W. Suter, Author of "THE DENTIST'S DIPLOMAT."

Meeting, June 1, 1938.

Party at Mina Todd's Tome.

Esma Farrah, Publ. Chm.

NEW YORK**E. & E. Society for D.A., 1st Dist.**

Meeting, May 10, 1938.

Program, Election of Officers, Reports of Officers and Committees.

Round Table Discussion.

Virginia Frey, Publ. Chm., Room 1111, 225 W. 34th St., N. Y. C.

The D.A. Study Club, 2nd Dist.**Brooklyn**

Meeting, May 6, 1938, at 3:30 P.M.

Subject, "Highlights of the International Dental Congress of Vienna."

Essavist, Ina Helen Doane, D.M.D.
Annual Meeting to be announced.
Alvina Hendrycy, Corr. Secy.,
1 De Kalb Ave.

OHIO

Cincinnati D.A.A.

Meeting, May 27, 1938, 7:15 P.M.
Dinner, 5:45 P.M., Rathskeller Hotel.
Program, Symposium of Papers by
Members.

Members of Nearby D.A.A.'s invited to
attend.

June, Annual Picnic.

Mary Connolly, Publ. Chm.,
1008 Union Central Bldg.

Cleveland D.A.A.

Meeting, May 23, 1938.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Russet Restaurant.
Speaker, to be announced.
Meeting, June 27, 1938.
Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Place, Russet Restaurant.
Speaker, to be announced.

Elizabeth Neff, Publ. Chm.,
3104 W. 25th St.

Columbus D.A.A.

Meeting, May 9, 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Place, to be announced.
Annual Birthday Party.
Meeting, June 13, 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Place, Ransom and Randolph Co.
Speaker, Dr. H. M. Clodfelter.
Subject, to be announced.

Mildred Shook, 2149½ N. High St.

Dayton D.A.A.

Meeting, Monday, May 16, 1938, 7:30
P.M.

Place, Fidelity Auditorium.

Election and Installation of Officers.

Nellie Kookan, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh D.A.A.

Meeting, May 10, 1938.

Place, Fort Pitt Hotel.

Speaker, Dr. Alice Gularski.

Subject, "Prevention Medicine for
Women."

June, Annual Dance.

Time and place to be announced later.

Lois Davis, Publ. Chm.,
7111 Jenkins Arcade.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee State D.A. Assn.

Meeting, May 10, 11, 12, 1938 Chat-
tanooga.

Chattanooga D.A. Assn.

Meeting, May 16, 1938, 6:15 P.M.

Place, Conference Room, Chattanooga
Bank Bldg.

Clinic, "Practical Points in Dental
Assisting."

Clinician, Edna Mae Kelley.

Election of Officers.

Educational Trip through Telephone Co.

Meeting, June 13, 1938.

Place, Read House.

Banquet and Installation of Officers.

Mrs. Jack Haris, Publ. Chm.,
911 Hamilton Nat'l Bank Bldg.

CHILD HEALTH DAY

By SAMUEL D. HARRIS, D.D.S., Detroit, Mich.

The following article is submitted through the Committee on Cooperation, of the
Am. Assn. Dental Eds.:

In years to come when the history of this age is written by the impartial thinker, who at that distance of time may be able to gain a right perspective and may then be able to say which were the most striking features in our social development, it may well turn out that he will point to the birth of the interest in CHILD HEALTH as being among the events of first importance. On May 1st, by Presidential proclamation, will be celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of National Child Health Day. In the years since its initiation by the American Child Health Association in 1924, the observance of the day has undergone significant changes. Each year it has struck a deeper note. There is no asset that has greater value and broader potentialities than our children. Even though our nation is rich in various types of resources, none of them surpass in value or greatness the human resources hidden in boys and girls. No one can tell at

any time just what a boy or a girl might be. In fact, no one can ever tell just what any particular boy or girl will ultimately mean to the community, state, yes, even the nation.

The world needs better men and women—good as those of the present generation may be. Let us begin with the young, the boys and girls, and keep them in health; they are to be the men and women of tomorrow. Of all the values of Child Health Day, perhaps the greatest is the opportunity it presents to enlist the active interest of groups which might otherwise not give the subject of child birth any particular thought, and to draw them into the general program. Each year new groups have realized that they had a contribution to make. The American Dental Association, whose president's slogan is "Dental Health for American Youth," is playing a most important part in those activities which have had May Day-Child Health Day as their inspiration.

The trend in dentistry, as in all health services, is distinctly toward prevention and is annually gaining momentum in this direction. Just as we have wisely applied the findings of our science in other fields, so we are practising preventive dentistry for the benefit of American youth. We will all agree that the health of our children is worth any price, and that in so far as the dental profession can do so, it should see to the health of all children. The American Dental Association stands ready to co-operate with all other agencies and professions in presenting to the American public the true significance and importance of the ideals of Child Health Day to the present and future welfare of our nation.

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To point one's arrow at the ideal of

a better education, a dental assistant must, because of her chosen field, familiarize herself with the educational and professional obligations of her employer—the dentist. His success means her success; his professional reputation is allied with hers; his education must necessarily be aided by her ability to recognize changes and advancements, and make her contribution to that which the dentist offers his patients. In the search for this added instruction, may I suggest the same means as that adopted by those members of the profession who stand out in the eyes of their professional colleagues. The first step after graduation is membership in their local component society of the American Dental Association; you have already paralleled this in your present membership in your own Dental Assistants Association. There belongs your plan for collective education; bring your problems and wishes before your officers, who can on request, obtain instructors through the cooperation of the local dental society.

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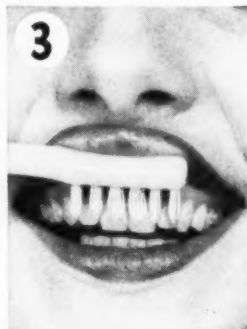
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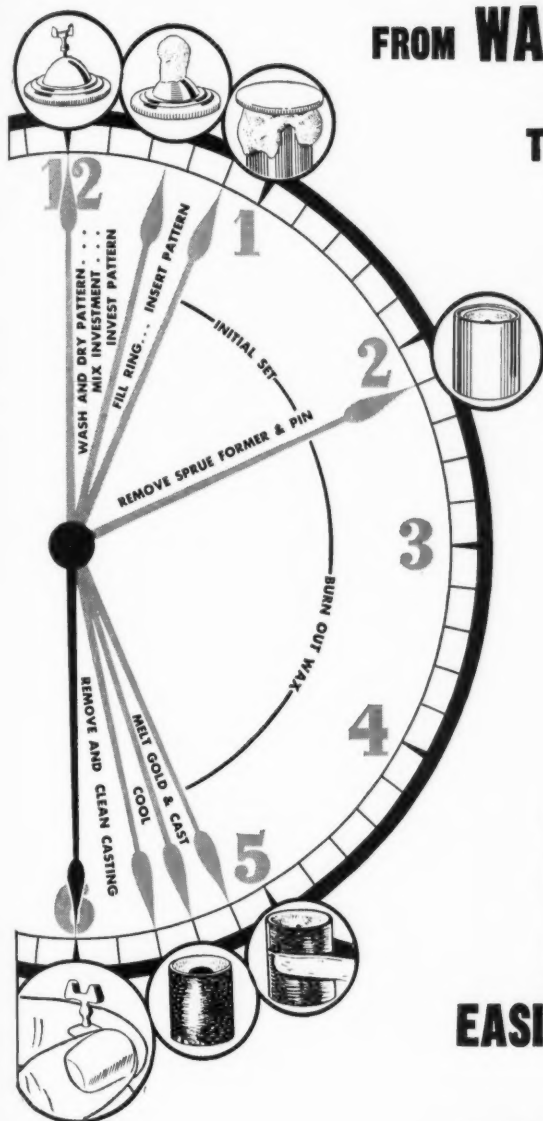
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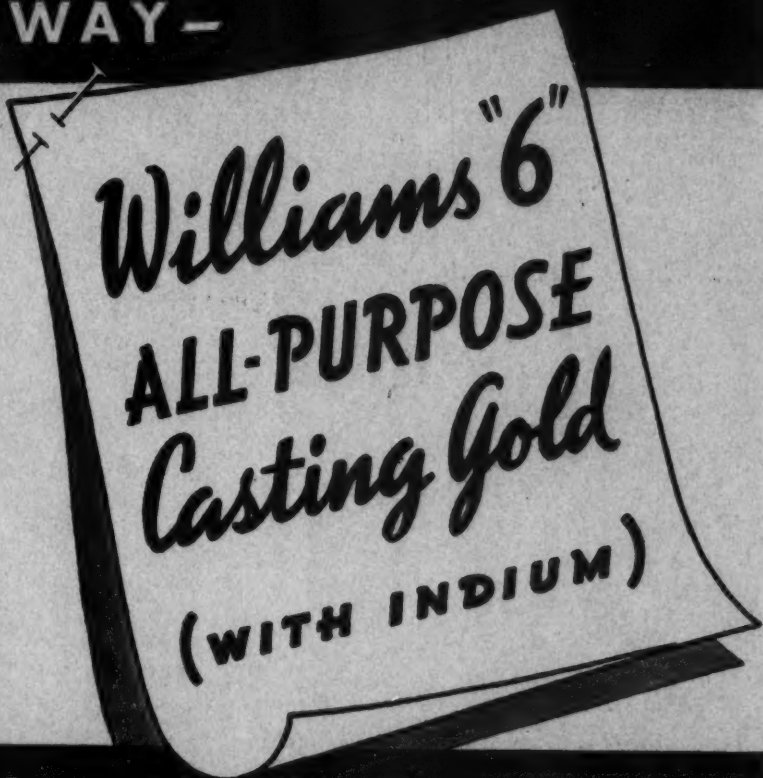
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